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SUBJ: AQUINO CASE UPDATE

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1. MILITARY TRIBUNAL HELD AQUINO CASE AUGUST 20 AND 23. AQUINO NOT PRESENT. HIGHLIGHT OF HEARINGS WAS TESTIMONY BY ROSENDO CAWIGA, IDENTIFIED AS QUINO'S FORMER APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY, THAT AQUINO HAD ISSUED ORDERS TO KNOWN NPA COMMANDERS AND DISTRIBUTED FIREARMS TO HIS PERSONAL SECURITY FORCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THEY RESIST IF MARTIAL LAW DECLARED. CAWIGAN ALSO TESTIFIED THAT AQUINO: (A) SPOKE OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN NPA IN CENTRAL LUZON AND HIS SUPPORTERS IN MINDANAO; (B) WAS INVOLVED IN NPA MILITARY CHIEF VICTOR CORPUZ' RAID ON PMA ARMORY IN BAGUIO; (C) PROVIDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO NPA IN HIS HOUSE IN QUEZON CITY; AND (D) PROVIDED ARMS TO SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE.

2. AQUINO CASE IS STILL FRONT PAGE (BUT BELOW FOLD) NEWS IN "TIMES JOURNAL" AND "DAILY EXPRESS" UNDER HEADLINES SUCH AS "AQUINO TAGGED TOP NPA LEADERA." "BULLETING TODAY" CARRIED STORY ON INSIDE PAGES. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO HAVE LOST INTEREST IN STORY FOR THE MOMENT. AUGUST 23 AP,
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FOR EXAMPLE, CARRIED NOTHING ON AQUINO CASE.

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3. NEXT SESSION OF TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR WENDNESDAY,
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